

DISCRIMINATION CONTINUES



Meet MITZI GAYNOR - a triple threat onstage, a delightful, honest interview offstage. See inside.

SECOND HEARING FOR GAY MAN

by Frank Fitch

Allan Rock, who is threatened with loss of security clearance and job, will again appear before Hearing Examiner Farr of the Department of Defense, on Nov. 17 at 10 AM, Room 2041, Federal Bldg., 450 Golden Gate. S.I.R. held a well attended news conference in front of the Sansome Street hearing room on September 21, protesting the fact that the meeting was closed to public and press. Good coverage of Mr. Rock's position appeared on the front page of the Examiner that day, in both the Chronicle and the Examiner the next day, and on five radio and two TV stations that day. The reason for the news conference and for the importance of the newperson's reaction revolved around the first objection that both S.I.R. and A.C.L.U. have raised to the hearing - that it is barred to public and press. As Mary Crawford, of the Examiner, said, had they granted an open hearing, the press probably would not have covered it; they are creating an issue by this decision.

Director Scanlon, when contacted in Washington on September 22, told the B.A.R. that the second hearing will also be closed to public and press. When asked for the reason for closed hearings, he said, "There are any number of reasons. We have decided in our own discretion, and by we I mean the Department of Defense, that we are going to keep these hearings small and closed because it is so much easier for us to maintain order and decorum that way. From what I understand from Mr. Farr, there was a big slice of the public, press, television cameras and Lord knows what else trying to get into this hearing." When told that the reason for attendance at the meeting was that they felt the public had a right to know. He

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Senator Milton Marks ably assisted by Mr. Bob Ross, President of the SAN FRANCISCO TAVERN GUILD and Mr. Bill Plath, President of the SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, reminisces on the days when he rode the San Francisco Market Street railways.

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asked, "Who felt the public had a right to know?" When told of the names of some newpersons were who felt that way, he said, "Oh, Oh, reporters. We don't feel the public has got a right to know what goes on in a hearing where a man's reputation and a few other things might be at stake." Asked, "Including his job?" "Including his job, yes," he said. "These are private hearings between the applicant and his government." He did not comment on the fact that Mr. Rock is not an applicant, but has held clearances for 16 years. Mr. Scanlon is the Director of the Industrial Security Clearance Review Office.

Informed sources have told the B.A.R. gays will attend the second hearing on Nov. 17 to again protest the secrecy decision. Dick Gayer, who just last year won a court decision against the DOD involving his security clearance, suggested that letters to Director Scanlon, Industrial Security Clearance Review Office, Room 3D282, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. would be helpful in showing that the public feels they DO have a right to know what the government does to a Gay person's employment.

The second hearing was originally scheduled to take place this month at the Sansome Street location of the first hearing. The Department of Defense notified Allan Rock through his ACLU Council, of the change to the Federal Building. It is believed possible that the higher security of the Federal Building may have played a part in the YOY decision. In our interview with director Scanlon it was obvious he did not like a "big story to the public... and lord knows what else" outside his examiner's hearing room.

S.I.R. AUCTIONS

The last series of auctions to help refurbish S.I.R. Center came to a grand finale at the NEW BELL SALOON last Wednesday night. The auctions lasted for five weeks and brought in over \$2,000.00 for this worthy cause. S.I.R. would like to thank the following bars: ORPHEUM CIRCUS, NAKED GRAPE, RAMROD, JACKSON'S and the NEW BELL, as well as the many other bars, businesses and individuals who cooperated with donations of time, money and merchandise.

A special thanks also to all the guest auctioneers who assisted Bob Ross and Bill Plath on the podium, with an extra thanks to Madame Henri for his excellent and accurate handling of the monies. The NEW BELL auction featured a guest auctioneer from outside the Gay Community, Senator Milton Marks, who did an excellent job. He also donated some merchandise to be sold. As the commercial says, "We've come a long way, baby!"

S.I.R. also invites all to the Grand Opening of its newly remodeled center on Saturday, November 11th, at 4 PM. Remember the address and drop by — 83 Sixth Street.



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Saturday night, October 21st, was quite a happening. This was the date of the TAVERN GUILD'S TENTH ANNUAL BEAUX ARTS BALL. The Ball Committee did an excellent job transforming the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel into a pleasant,

comfortable atmosphere for all the guests. The theme this year was "Grand Opera," in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the San Francisco Opera.

Approximately 800 guests attended and seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. Among the many highlights of the evening were the presentation of the past Empresses and some of their respective courts. Cristal and her court

appeared as the crew from Kurt Weill's "Threepenny Opera," with Cristal as Mack the Knife and the rest of the court as hookers. Sweetlips never looked lovelier. Jose' was resplendent as Aida.

The Empress Candidates, not to be outdone, held their own very well. Laura was dressed as Elizabeth I, Diki as Cleopatra was superb, the Dog Lady as a Russian noblewoman looked the best I



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have ever seen him, Maxine strutted across the stage gracefully with her escort, and Roxann looked just great.

Among the many groups competing were JACKSON'S as the cast from H.M.S. Pinafore, TOTIES bar showed up as the cast of "Manon," with MaMa Peck as Manon (First Prize for Best



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BUSTY O'SHEA as "Heroditis" from "Salome"



The judges, left to right - Sheriff Hongisto and Kim, Harold Brown and Annette Cardona

Group). The WILDE OSCAR presented "Norma," and then we had "Salome," which won Best Theme of the Ball. Lisa Gene's interpretative dance as Salome was excellent; it's a shame that the light man could not keep up with the dancer. The costumes for this group were magnificent and Craig is to be commended for his work. The many

from "La Mancha" cast, Sandy Sanchez and "Mame" from Portland.

groups, pairs and individuals were just too numerous to mention.

The judges decisions in each category were met with hearty approval by all the guests.

While the ball was well attended, and the outside crowds enthusiastic, the ball is not the tremendous financial coup for the TAVERN GUILD as is generally believed. The costs run into several thousands of dollars, while the profit will run into a few hundred, but we hope it will continue, as it is a showcase for many members of our community, and all who attend seem to enjoy themselves.



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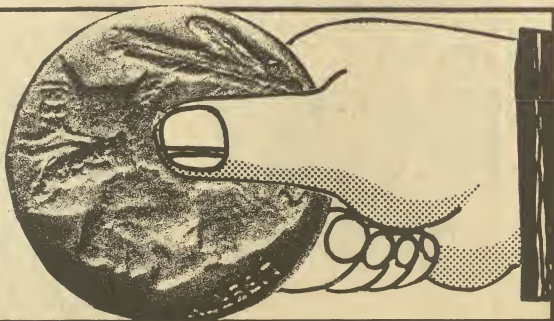
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KNOW YOUR ENEMY

by Don Jackson

A barrage of anti-Gay hate literature in the form of comic books, magazine articles, leaflets and radio broadcasts have been circulated for the past few months.

It looked to me like an organized hate campaign. It is. And it was apparently ordered by the John Birch Society.

Investigation discloses that the campaign opened with a hate article, published last spring in American Opinion Magazine, the official John Birch Society organ. The article was reviewed extensively in a recent issue of VECTOR, so we won't repeat it all here, except to note that the theme of the article was that homosexuality is a Communist plot to destroy the family, the church, the flag and the American Way of Life as we have always known it.

Then, the radical right propaganda mills, picking up on the signal from American Opinion, began to pour out the hate literature.

The several million dollars for the expenses of the campaign come from the treasuries of 14 corporations controlled by the John Birch Society and/or Latter Day Saints Church (aka Mormons).

Gays have a right to know who their enemies are; here are their names: Abbott Laboratories, Armour Corp., Greyhound Corp., Cleanse Corp., Technicolor, Monsanto Chemical, Gulf Oil, Armco Steel, Republic Steel, Olin-Matheson, Alcoa, Sears Roebuck and H.L. Hunt Foods.

The corporations donate the money to certain so called "churches", and deduct it as a business expense, a donation to a church. The "churches"

which are really political organizations, then pay for the printing bills, broadcast time and the like. The churches are: The American Council of Christian Churches, The Church League of America, the Christian Crusade, the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, and the American Council of Christian Churches is headed by Dr. Carl McIntire, a John Bircher. McIntire has a daily radio show heard on 677 radio stations and publishes several magazines. Occasionally the broadcasts have a smithering of religion, but in the main they broadcast radical rightist political dogmas. Back in 1970, Dr. McIntire announced he was sending several hundred "missionaries" to Alpine County to prevent a Gay take over. He said that homosexuals would be "hit on the head with the Gospel", and said his church was prepared to use force, if necessary to prevent a Gay take over.

The Mormons, the only church involved that is really a church, has not participated in the campaign directly, but the church owns the controlling interest in Greyhound, one of the main financiers of the campaign.

Mormons preach that Gays can't get into heaven, and recently used their immense political power to force the Idaho State Legislature to repeal the legalization of homosexual acts. In California, the Mormons have furnished most of the financing and volunteers for the Harmer-Mormon initiative, the proposition on the ballot that will make it a crime to print or say four letter sex words or to possess, sell or exhibit any drawing, photograph or sculpture that shows male or female sex organs, female teats or asses. Under the bill, written by State Senator Harmer of Glendale, the De Young Museum, the S.F. Public

Library, VECTOR and the Chronicle can be raided and closed for exhibiting, possessing or selling obscene material.

John Birch member, Rev. Dr. McBernie, "Pastor" of the Glendale Community "Church" has a national network radio broadcast. McBernie urges listeners to send for his book "The Homosexual Menace." The only thing religious about McBernie's sermons is the prayer, which is usually an imprecation to "save America from Godless Communism and sex perversion."

The Rev. Dr. Schwartz of the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade goes a little further than the rest by adding anti-semitism, Homosexuals, Jews and Communists are equated in such a way that many of his ignorant listeners believe there to be a great overlap between the three groups.

Sears Roebuck has long maintained an anti-homosexual policy. Not only does Sears refuse to knowingly employ homosexuals, but it Allstate Insurance Company is the instigator of anti-homosexuality in the insurance industry.

Back in the days when we had an understanding Mayor, there were only a hundred or so Gay arrests in San Francisco per year, and most of these arrests were made by private detectives employed by Sears.

Here's the story on that: Sears asked police to come in and make Gay arrests in their toilets. The police refused, saying that they couldn't spare any men for such activities. Thereupon, Sears hired a number of handsome young detectives to go in and entrap Gays in the toilets of its Geary Street Store.

The same technique has been used by Greyhound in other cities. Both firms have gone so far as to install one way mirrors in its toilets to trap people having sex there.

I could find no information on the anti-Gay activities of the other firms, except Technicolor is the firm that fired Gay Activist Freda Smith of Sacramento when they heard a rumor that she was Gay.

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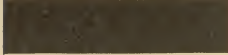
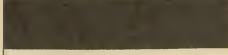
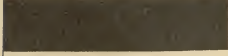
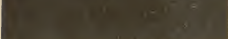
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COMMUNITY NEWS

GAY VOTERS LEAGUE CANDIDATES NIGHT SMASH SUCCESS

Over 150 persons turned out in driving rain to attend the Candidates Night of San Francisco's new GAY VOTERS LEAGUE. Thirteen candidates were presented to the group.

The event's coordinator Rev. Ray Broshears stated... "Political awareness is coming at last to Gays."

William E. Beardemphl, moderator for the affair, opened by announcing, "Tonight we are not going to discuss the Vietnam war... we will limit tonight's discussion to gay rights and gay issues."

He went on to say that this has been the most confused political campaign in recent memory and that the Gay voters are not pleased with either party for its stands on Gay rights. U.S. Congressman William Mailliard, remarked that Beardemphl was saying, "A plague on both your houses."

Candidates present were Mailliard R; Assemblyman John Burton D; Al Graf R; John Foran D; Joan Irwin R, challenging Assemblyman Willie Brown for the 18th District; Edlo Powell R, challenging U.S. Congressman Phillip Burton for the 5th District; and Peter Hannaford, R, challenging Democratic Congressman Ronald Dellums for the 7th District.

Candidates that were not present were represented by spokesmen. They included, Willie Brown, Ron Pelosi, Phillip Burton, Sen. George McGovern and President Richard Nixon.

Two candidates were extremely well received: Ms. Joan Irwin and Edlo

Powell.

Ms. Irwin began her presentation by displaying her political poster with a nude black male in the background and carrying the words "Joan Irwin Exposes Willie Brown."

She classified the poster as shocking but said, "I needed your attention to expose the issues." She then went on to cite Brown's record in the State Assembly which does not seem as great as everyone thinks. She further elaborated that Mr. Brown's co authored Consensual Sex Bill A.B. 470 should have been passed by now but it has been hampered by Mr. Brown's apathy.

Edlo Powell got rousing applause from the group by listing as one of his credentials a "Ph.D. in the streets." He said one of the major problems in politics is "the bullshit."

The candidates that gave the group the biggest surprise was Foran, who promised to support the adult consensual sex bill sponsored by Willie Brown and John Burton. He said his reason for not voting for the bill originally was that it did not contain the phrase "in private," but noted that it deserves passage anyway. He revealed in questioning that he had never been approached by either Brown or Burton in a lobbying effort on the bill. It was noted by Rev. Broshears at the conclusion of the meeting that Foran represents a very conservative district.

LEAGUE NEWS

Community League bowlers completed their summer league season

on Monday, October 16th, with the following final standings:

1. The Hodge Podge 48½, 2. Leather 'n' Things 41, 3. The Valet 40, 4. Fe-Be's 40, 5. Nothing Special 37½, 6. Trim Shop 37, 8. Zodiac Carpet Service 35½, 9. Sausage Factory 35½, 10. Sutter's Mill 33½, 11. The Corner 31, 12. The Mint 30, 13. Toad Hall 30, 14. Kelly's Saloon 30, 15. Pendulum 30, 16. The Coits 29, 17. Living End 28½, 18. The Viking 28, 19. Twilight 28, 20. Executive Travel Planners 27½, 21. The Big Ange 25, 22. Berrys 24½.

Members of the championship Hodge Podge team are Tom Gilmore, Kyle Bult, Dennis O'Neil, Don Kunesh, and Larry Overman. Second place Leather 'n' Things bowlers are Roy Gleaves, Bobby Colon, Allan Winkle, Kent Reeder and Paul Woodard. Third place was determined by a roll-off between the Valet and Fe-Be's with the Valet winning. Members of the team are Mike Keyte, Ken Woods, Marvin Steinkler, Diane McClanahan, and Gerry Petuya. Dick Riley, Walt Seitz, Mal Garcia, Bob Rowbottom and Chuck Morrow comprise the Fe-Be's team.

Individual awards were also monopolized by the Hodge Podge team with Tom Gilmore's 289 scratch game winning a trophy as did Larry Overman's 679 scratch series. Don Kunesh's 728 was high handicap series. Mark Pastor bowling for the coits had high handicap game of 287.

For the distaff bowlers, Lois Kelly's 204 was high scratch game and Diane McClanahan's 607 was high scratch series.

Other high series rolled for the season were Don Kunesh, 661, Russ Beck (Nothing Special) 639, Brad

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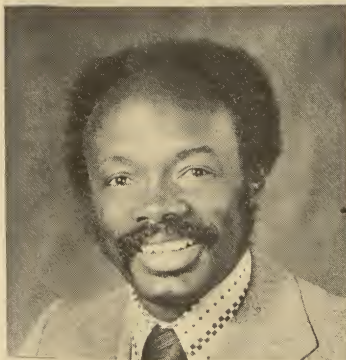
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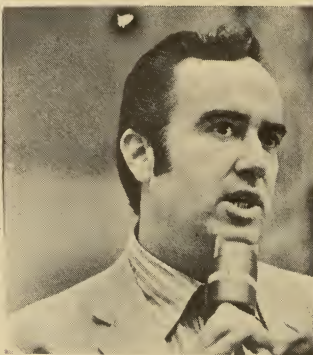
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Cunningham (Living End) 639, and Tom Gilmore 635. High games in addition to Gilmore's 289 were Bob Rowbottom's 266 for Fe-Be's, Larry Overman's 256, and Dave Van's 253 for the Viking.

The organization meeting for the winter league will be on Monday night, October 30, at 7:30 PM at Park Bowl. A full league of 22 teams is signed up with a very limited number of openings on some of the teams. Anyone interested in bowling should be present for the meeting.

Dave Van
Summer League Secretary

COLLECTION-CREDIT BUREAU AND AGENCIES "EXTORT" GAYS GayVoice News Service

The various collection agencies and credit bureaus in the San Francisco area, are for the most part, completely honest and ethical. But, there are those collection agencies, who skirt the border line between collection and blackmail-extortion. These agencies have been using the fact that a person is Gay to collect past due bills. They do this in a myriad of ways.

Telephone calls to your employers, or to your friends, and to other places where your credit is good, telling them that you; (1) owe money, (2) are a homosexual, (3) a bad risk.

Some have even gone so far as to cause persons to lose their jobs by such tactics, and other Gays have reported that collection agencies have come to their apartment buildings, told the manager that they were "perverts, and possible child molesters". And many a non-understanding manager has thrown a Gay out for this reason. Should you be threatened by any collection agency

or credit bureau in this manner, do not panic, do not run, but contact either the GAY ALLIANCE or the SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS. Both have persons who can help you in matters such as these. The ALLIANCE has proposed an ordinance which would take away the business license of any bureau or agency that operates in such a manner.

NATIONAL GROUP'S REGIONAL COUP

GayVoice News Service

SACRAMENTO: The Southwestern Regional Conference of the National Coalition of Gay Organizations (NCGO), is gathering this weekend in Sacramento. The meet begins on Friday the 20th and extends through the 23rd. Workshops will be held at California State University in the Anthropology Building with Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin being the first speakers.

The Conference has a most definite women's balance, as several lesbians of note will be convening in the various workshops. As well, noted Effeminists such as Nick Benton and Paul Mariah will be speakers at the four day meeting. Frieda Smith, Marty Rogers, Don Jackson, Winston Leyland, Vicki Hall, Jim Kepner, Morris Kight, Patti Oneperson, Patti Wallace, and others will be convenors.

Conference organizers have issued statements to wit, they hope that the anti-Communists who protested the extremism of the leftist oriented Bakersfield Conference in July, will not show up. Official Charles Morore stated to wit, that all are welcome.

Most active opponent of the NCGO, who calls it a front group for the SWP

(Socialist Workers Party) and other extremist groups of the left, Reverend Ray Broshears of the GAY ALLIANCE in San Francisco, has sent word to headquarters here that he will not be in attendance.

For information for those wishing to attend, please call us here in Sacramento at the Gay Community Services Center, (916) 446-4841. Conference registration fee is \$3.00

SPECIAL... Sunday, November 5th, at 5:30 PM, on Radio Station KPFA-FM 94.1 Berkeley, the GAY ALLIANCE will present a thirty minute commentary on the Police State of Affairs in San Francisco with special guest... TAVERN GUILD President Robert Ross and/or other representatives of the SFTG. Tune in, don't miss it, for this is the radio broadcast of the year. That's, Sunday evening, 5:30 PM, KPFA-FM, 94.1 The broadcast may start a little late due to program overlapping, so, have your radio tuned in and ready to go at 5:30 sharp.

THE GAY LIBERATIONISM OF THE GAY ALLIANCE...

by Reverend Ray Broshears

The movement for liberation by Gays in San Francisco is one of practical humanism. It is concrete and political, our expression of the stifled desires of all Gays victimized and exploited in our society. The movement translates desires into demands and the needs of Gays into programs for struggle, a battleplan against our oppressors.

Social and economic oppression is the center target for the Alliance. Our goal is to free those Gays still in bondage, the majority unknowingly tho, from the chains of racism, sexism, and suppression of sexual expression, as well

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as the "class-caste system" which exists within the Gay society and society in general. Liberation means to seize control over our own lives, and destiny, and to begin to build a truly free society in which all will be obligated to be participants, equally.

The oppression of Gays stems from essentially the same source as that of other repressed groups; the restrictive competitive social roles necessitated by the corporate economy's ruling class. The GAY ALLIANCE believes that we must take care of things here in our own backyard, San Francisco, and forget the idealistic goals of those seeking to influence the national scene, for each group, in their own city, doing their own thing, will in the end, affect the national scene. We must end the sexploitation that exists within San Francisco and in particularly the Tenderloin, once we do this, then Gays all over the City will be on the road to personal liberation. Certain commercial scenes are extremely exploitative, in that they cater to the young stud sexpot, so that he will draw in the customers, and discouraging old Gays, what they consider ugly Gays, from "hanging around."

The GAY ALLIANCE who have under various organizational names, for the past four years, picketed the BEAUX ARTS BALL, sponsored by the TAVERN GUILD, due to what was the complete indifference of the other major Gay groups in the City and the TAVERN GUILD as, to the plight of the Gay who is oppressed in ways that Gays with money can never be. As a result of the picketings, we have seen vast changes in the thinking of the TAVERN GUILD, who is turning a receptive ear to constructive Gay programs; sweeping changes at S.I.R., where they have become much more receptive to the needs of the unemployed Gay; and a deep and abiding concern by various of the Empress candidates, who are now helping whenever and wherever they can. And most of all, the awakening of those formerly considered, "elitist" Gays, to the fact, that the San Francisco Police are not all nicey nice cops as portrayed by Officer Elliot Blackstone, but that a goodly portion of them have a sadistic hate for Gays, and take it out on those whose economic conditions

forces them into the field of sexploitation. Elitist Gays are finding out now for the first time that they do not really have freedom, that they have just been allowed so much area of freedom by the SFPD and those "behind them," like a dog on a leash, and now Gays are finding that freedom is nice, real nice, so they are pulling at that leash and the police and going "bananas". Yes, Gay Liberation is not just a word, or a few people picketing, but it is living the full and complete life that we as human beings are entitled to do.

Gay Liberation is the process of struggle in forming our unvoiced needs into political and media "punch." Gay Liberation cannot and shall never mean, "toleration" for homosexuals. It must result in the transformation of existing social roles, the complete breakdown of "straight" definitions of relationships such as male supremacy, the subjugation of women, sexual elitism, and sexual exclusivity. Gay Liberation is total freedom, and it is here and now, don't fight it, join it.

S.I.R. GIVES STAMPS OF APPROVAL TO CANDIDATES AND POSITIONS ON PROPOSITIONS

On October 11, 1972, the Board of Directors of the SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS unanimously voted to give the following stamps of approval. The sole criterion for a stamp of approval is that the candidate does support the rights of gay people.

For President of the United States: George McGovern.

For United States Congress: 5th District: Phillip Burton; 6th District: Roger Boas,

For California State Senate: Milton Marks and Ronald Pelosi.

For California State Assembly: 18th District: Willy L. Brown, Jr. and Joan Irwin. 19th District: no stamp of approval, 20th District: John Burton, 23rd District: John F. Foran.

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Proposition 11 — Yes, Proposition 18 — No, Proposition 19 — Yes.

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CHURCH GROUP

CLAIMS DISCRIMINATION

EAST BAY METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH of Oakland is currently involved in a discrimination dispute with the management of the Mount Hermon Camp Grounds near Santa Cruz.

Fred Miller, Controller of the inter-denominational Christian Conference Center, has announced that MCC cannot use the facilities because the church "advocates the practice of homosexuality."

Rev. Peter Wilson, Pastor of the Oakland MCC, has countered that METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH does not preach that everyone become homosexual. He has explained that MCC has been established as a place of worship for Gay persons rejected by conventional Christian churches.

A MCC Spiritual Retreat has been scheduled for October 28th-29th at the Mt. Hermon site. Church members from various parts of California are planning to attend. Wilson states that Miller has cancelled the written contract which allows them to utilize the Mt. Hermon facilities.

According to B.J. Beckwith and Jay Mayhall, San Francisco attorneys for the church, a lawsuit for breach of contract and trouble damages (under the Unruh Civil Rights Act) may be filed in the near future.



MCC was founded in 1968 by Rev. Troy Perry of Los Angeles. The group now has nearly forty churches and missions spread across the entire United States.

Oakland MCC holds services each Sunday night at 7:00 PM at HANS Bar, 316 14th Street.

McGOVERN REAFFIRMS ANTI-DISCRIMINATION STAND WITH REGARD TO SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Sen. George S. McGovern in a white paper covering a broad range of civil liberties and civil rights issues, reaffirmed his strong support for ending discrimination against women and men on the basis of their sexual orientation.

The white paper was issued in New York City on October 7, 1972.

Following is Sen. McGovern's official stand on the question of sexual orientation:

EQUAL RIGHTS FOR PERSONS OF DIFFERING SEXUAL ORIENTATION

The Nixon Administration has not protected the basic rights of persons of differing sexual orientation in the United States. In fact, it has carried out a policy of harassment and discrimination.

The evidence over the last four years is overwhelming. Sexual orientation has been a criterion for employment by public and governmental agencies, in work under federal contracts, for service in the Armed forces and for licensing in government - regulated occupations and professions. Between three and four thousand military personnel under Nixon have been given less-than-honorable discharges solely for

allegations relating to sexual orientation and for relations between consenting adults. Homosexuals have a difficult time obtaining housing, insurance, or surety bonding. Data on sexual orientation of individuals has been collected by government and private investigatory agencies, and sexual orientation is a standard of immigration into this country.

George McGovern would use the full moral and legal power of the Presidency to end this form of discrimination.



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■ In the last year my opponent, Mr. Willie Brown, has offered 54 Bills into the State Assembly and has received final passage support for only four.

■ He has politicized his office and has done very little for his constituents accept for his annual introduction of A.B. 470 (Consensual Sex Bill) expecting this one act to sweep him back into office by the Gay voters.

■ I offer responsive accomplishments for my constituents in the 18th District without political opportunism.

■ I intend to voice my opinion strongly and effectively for needed 18th District Legislation as well as the most important passage of A.B. 470.

A.B.470

is the most important bill affecting Gay voters, and it must be passed.

■ My opponent perpetually introduces this bill, and because of his apathy, he never seems to get support for passage.

■ I assure you, when elected, I will see that it is effectively lobbied for and finally passed.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear San Francisco and Bay Area;

It appears a shougal all candidates have now appeared in print in one publication or another, making their bid for votes. It would seem each of us profess to be running on the same plank. Fun and Camp.... Community Representation... No Bitcher... Return to the Old... Read carefully what is printed, especially between the lines.

It is agreed that fun and camp are necessary and I feel this campaign has proven that. I've certainly enjoyed the camp madness at two major functions, to say nothing of bar and TGFS functions throughout the city. I think to represent the ENTIRE Gay Community is a role any one individual can only partially accomplish, even with the best vibes and acquaintances available to him. I can't promise that, AGAIN. It hasn't yet happened since "they'll pick us up one at a time" was the slogan. It gets closer and closer with each empress and I would make every effort to bring it even closer to that end. As I've said all along - we must progress - only in this way can we ever achieve any kind of unity. (It has occurred to me there are those who would rather not be lumped together by a word like unity. Must they be? Would they be social lepers if they weren't?)

On Bitchery - QUEENS ARE BITCHY - What would anyone have to talk about if they weren't? I've been guilty of it as has every candidate during this campaign. Some on a decadent and destructive level, others of us on a camp and fun level. It's around us every day; at auctions - balls - TGFS meetings and yet we function and thrive. Bitchery has its place. Anyone running who claims to be able to do all they hope to do without some fun bitchery (and not butchery) will have to wake me at the end of '73 when the crown number IX.

On returning to the old ways, camp idea, or whatever is meant. One doesn't have to go further back than VI to realize fun and camp. The secret there was obvious. One never becomes a star because one says he is. One must make the people around him a star and then in happens to him. Let our deeds speak

for us, not our promises, even we're not certain we can keep. With love and joy to all I'm still -

Dizzy Diki
saying
KISSY, KISSY

Editor:

You are to be commended for "clearing the air" regarding an alleged beating in the Castro Area which in fact was a police aided case involving a self-induced ingestion of a caustic agent following a lover's quarrel. (B.A.R. 18 - Oct 72).

Not wishing to burden you with extraneous details I do feel I owe the Gay Community and the Police Department - which has been unjustly maligned in this matter - the following:

This so called "attack" was brought to my attention by a barowner, and not the Police as usually happens when there is a beating involving a Gay person in this area; I immediately contacted Mission and the Police Report was read to me; subsequently I left word with the PCR Unit, Hall of Justice, to have Officer Elliott Blackstone contact me, as the rumours in this area were becoming rampant and out of hand.

The following day the matter had tidal-waved to such a degree that in my conversation with Officer Blackstone he informed me that until he had set "the record straight" with SIR they were incensed enough to form vigilante groups. Further, certain well known, irresponsible and decidedly anti-police gays were describing the condition of the injured person in such horrifying terms that I decided to see him personally. (They, I later learned had not to that point seen him.)

Before visiting the hospital I went to Mission Station and read the Report myself. Had any of the rumour mongers taken the time to do this they would have seen that said report contained certain information which only could substantiate a suicide attempt. At the hospital the victim's condition nowhere approximated the talk inundating the Castro Area. After talking to the victim (he responded by writing on a tablet) I was then, and am now satisfied with the Police Report

and that capsulized in B.A.R.

Hence, the following: to those who would capitalize on a person's misfortune, mis-represent the facts, downgrade and slander the Police, one bar owner and myself, and thereby attempt to inflame the District in general - all without one scintilla of evidence - I ask this - How much over the past several years have any of you done for the betterment of the community or the improvement of police and Gay relations?

With due consideration,
Thomas M. Edwards

Dear People,

Will you please add the following to the list of Gay Social Services that appears in your publication:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Gay... 567-0069

The phone number listed is that of our new answering service and is not scheduled to go into effect until November 1, so if you have any questions please write me at, Gay Alcoholics Anonymous, c/o S.I.R., 83 Sixth Street, San Francisco, Ca. 94103, or call me at 921-7454.

Thank you very much. Your cooperation will help us to work better within our community.

Sincerely,
Kevin P. Norton
Acting G.S.R.

Dear Mr. Ross:

My deepest apologies, I somehow took it for granted that B.A.R. knew all about Gay Rap and where it holds forth.

It meets every Tuesday at the Alternative Futures Commune at 2012 Pine Street at 8:00 PM. Or, it did up to about two weeks ago when I still attended. Their phone number is 665-6222. They have a kind of commune of sorts of a few of the guiding lights of the group and that's where they can be contacted.

My best wishes to you, and I hope that B.A.R. finds the session suitable material for a sympathetic story.

Yours truly,
Jordan G. Lee





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Editor:

I think each of us in the gay community should now and then find time to appreciate the strides we have made in such a few years. We have become a community, complete with newspapers, structure, legal-medical services, and even religious facilities.

Many of these services have been available for some time, if one could find them and afford them. Only recently could they be found through our own channels of communication. For those of us with religious leanings, however, there was little unless we took a vow of dishonest silence that covered our sexual orientation and, in effect, caused us to live a lie during our Sunday observances.

The Church was an integral part of my early upbringing, and it remained so until I formed a very, very close relationship with a preacher's son and then one morning was led to the street. After that, my Sabbath prayers were said silently at brunch while camping up a storm with a few fellow sinstresses.

When I first attended METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH at the insistence of a young lovely I had met the night before, I expected to see a covey of drag queens lighting candles and chanting the maiden's prayer. I was in for a rude awakening. This was an average group of people, mostly gay, although some not - men and women from the business community, the professions; kids I had seen around the bars the night before, gentle people from the streets. Drag? Oh, yes, there was that, and leather, too. I came away not only surprised, but found I had enjoyed myself socially at the coffee hour after the service, and at the same time had been able, for the first time in years without looking over my shoulder, to exercise that devotion to God that, for me, has been a basic need since childhood.

No saints are these, but neither are they a group of nannies playing church. Services are serious and earnest without denominational affiliation; the sermons are direct and to a

point. Sins are not overlooked, yet sight is not lost of each person as an individual with ordinary human desires and frailties, but one who is trying in some manner to do better within his capabilities to do so. Most important, however, was the caring one for the other, and this with tolerance and understanding rather than criticism and put-down.

Bob Garland

Dear B.A.R.:

I write to give some firsthand evidence in relation to Don Jackson's Sept. 20th article on sex laws and arrests.

I was arrested for cocksucking in the big Macy's busts of 1970. The court proceedings took from June 1970 to June 1971 - a year nearly to the day. During that period, Judge Kennedy of Municipal Court and Judges Axelrod and Kares of Superior Court were given the chance to dismiss the case on the grounds of the statute's unconstitutionality.

The three judges agreed in refusing to even seriously consider such a motion. The reasoning: The statute is applied in practice to only homosexual behavior, true. But such discrimination in enforcement is the duty of police and D.A.'s, a necessary part of their job to carry out the will of the Legislature. Since the Legislature considers homosexuality a dangerous perversion, the sex laws are completely within the State's right to have and to enforce. In other words, the Legislature has a duty to protect society's mores and insure the continued existence of the race, but homosexuals have no rights to public or to private sexual expression.

At the same time our case was in court, a group of "Gay Movement lawyers" had arranged a suit in Marin County to test the validity of the laws. My co-defendant's original lawyer was one of these.

Also at the same time, the American Civil Liberties Union expressed an interest in helping mount an all-out attack on the

California Statute. The "Movement" lawyers, sure of success, told the A.C.L.U. to "keep out of our business," and the A.C.L.U. dropped their plans.

The Marin County suit failed. My lawyer's court petitions failed.

Meanwhile, my co-defendant had on account of the case lost two jobs, gone deeply in debt, and broken up with his boy friend. He was broke and alone, having just gotten out of the Marine Corps. After the first hearings, he was forced to give up his lawyer and use the public defender - who advised copping to a misdemeanor while my lawyer's suits for dismissal were still pending!

Luckily, my employer didn't fire me. Even more importantly, my man stuck by me through it all. But the proceedings used up our savings, drained our energy, and left us feeling very alone.

So, at last, we copped to a misdemeanor. The alternative was a trial we couldn't afford, before an unsympathetic, straight jury, where we were certain to be convicted by prejudice and perjury - and sent to 10 years in jail.

We couldn't face the trial, because we had insufficient support against the D.A.'s strong weapons. And we could have never afforded an appeal, taking perhaps years, and more money than either of us had ever seen. We did not have the ability to withstand infinite legal hassling.

The reason the constitutionality of California's sex laws has not been so seriously challenged before, is that myself, my attorney, and others in our position have not been able to find a judge who would even entertain a motion to dismiss on constitutional grounds.

Defendants suffer a lot, and alone. No one who hasn't been through it can imagine the torture of helplessness, frustration, and total irrationality through which an arrested person is dragged by our legal process.

Judge Dell has done what is long overdue. But don't blame the tardiness on those persecuted by the Police and the courts. Beating off their arresters is all they could have done. The fault lies with those who work for and vote for the legislators, administrators and judges who pass and enforce such laws.

Name withheld.

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**A JIM FOSTER LETTER
TO THE ADVOCATE**
The Advocate
Editor:

In his decision not to endorse George McGovern, George Meany stated he could not stomach Senator McGovern's stand on the rights of gay people. In a recent speech to the Nevada Labor Council, Meany stated that "the Democratic Party has been taken over by people named Jack who look like Jills and smell like Johns." At the same time that Meany is making vicious attacks on gay people I find that my brothers and sisters in the Gay Activists Alliance/New York City are conducting a "Zap" at the headquarters of the very man Meany has attacked for supporting us.

I realize that my brothers and sisters at Gay Activist Alliance/New York City conducted their "Zap" with the best of intentions; however, I have to wonder if their energies would not be put to better use in "Zapping" those enemies of Gay Liberation such as George Meany and Richard Nixon.

It is obvious to me from the remarks of George Meany that he has no understanding of gay people, or of the repression under which we live. It is equally obvious that Richard Nixon is no more willing to end the repression of gay people than he is willing to end the bombing of North Vietnam.

I grant that Senator McGovern's public statements concerning his commitment to Gay Rights is less than perfect, but I would point out that he has made statements in support of Gay Rights and he has made a commitment to us.

It is my conviction that this election year is one of the most decisive in American history. Just a brief look at the sorry civil rights record of the Nixon administration over the past four years gives us more than an indication of things to come. The extension of the Senate Anti-Security Act through Executive Order, The Preventive Detention Bill, the No-Knock Clause, the Organized Crime Bill, (which has nothing to do with organized crime), the Anti-Riot Act are all attempts to whittle away the Constitutional rights of the American people. In addition to all this, it is wise for us to remember that it

was under the Eisenhower Administration that the Executive Order was signed forbidding gay people the right to work for the Federal government. Richard Nixon was then Vice-President. There is good reason to believe that he was personally responsible for that Executive Order, as the work that went into it was done during the days of Senator Joe McCarthy's investigation into the State Department and Richard Nixon, then Senator participated enthusiastically in that investigation. The couldn't find any Communists, but they sure found a lot of us.

Last May, the Nixon administration, under Attorney General John Mitchell, caused the mass arrest of over 13,000 people from the streets of Washington, D.C. They were herded into the Washington Coliseum and a blanket of tear gas was laid over them every forty-five minutes. All this because they dared to oppose Richard Nixon's handling of the war in Southeast Asia.

These violations of the basic rights of Americans all work together. If Richard Nixon shows such contempt for the rights of citizens in general, are we to believe that he will treat us any differently?

Many people in the Gay Community have told me that they find George McGovern's ideas on tax reform frightening. Most of these concerns are voice by brothers and sisters whose incomes fall between \$10,000 and \$25,000 a year. I have to wonder if they are really listening to what McGovern is saying. We are aware that we are taxed the heaviest and derive the least benefit. Mr. Nixon fools no one with his statements about no new taxes next year while the Wall Street Journal lays the groundwork for a national "value added tax" which will cause even more hardship to those of us whose income falls between \$5,000 and \$25,000 a year. We are all aware that Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan and others who fall into their income brackets pay nothing near their fair share of taxes, while we are saddled with the major burden. McGovern is saying everyone should pay their fair share and the avenues of opportunity for the Ronald Reagans of this country to escape paying their share should be closed.

Finally, the election of George McGovern is not just the election of one man alone. It means a whole new administration, a chance to save the Supreme Court from certain domination by the forces of repression and a whole new tone in the nation's capitol.

The National Institute for Mental Health grants hundreds of thousands of dollars to studies of urine specimens to determine causes of homosexuality and other such grotesque projects. Under the present administration, it is nearly impossible for us to obtain funding from the Federal government for our badly needed Community Service Centers. Can we not see the possibilities with a McGovern administration?

I would like to say to my brothers and sisters that the choice is clear, if not imperative. Can we not work together to assure the election of a man who will turn this

country's priorities back to the needs of the people and who will give us, as Gay citizens, the rights, the freedom and dignity to which we are entitled.

Sincerely,
Jim Foster

Editor:

The issue of 4 Oct. 72 contains much to be commented on:

First: This childish game of Empress and Emperor! How many ego trips must these people need in order to inflate their own images and at the same time make us all appear like a bunch of kooks to the straight community?

Second: If one really wants to see anti-gay venom originating from a Catholic Parish on both the lay and clerical level then visit the Castro Market Area where we are "blessed" with Most Holy Redeemer. You might think that a religion which had known centuries of persecution would not itself indulge in bigotry. Not Holy Redeemer, its Pastor, or the Lay Leaders of its Parent Teachers Guild!

Third: Come on Jim Foster and Ray Broshears, knock off your "bitch fight!" You will never agree with each other - nor will I with either one of you, except on rare occasions - but let us all at least realize that despite our political and sociological differences we can present a dignified image to the straight world.

Fourth: Bill Beardemphl, I love you dearly, but please read the above admonition.

Fifth: Your Polish Bomb Shelter Cartoon (depicting a man with his head up his anus) is inexcusable and an affront to the many brave Poles who fought the enslavement of Hitler as well as those who today are resisting the horrors of Communism. I am not of Polish extraction myself, but I am shocked that you would allow such "below-the-belt" ethnic humor.

Finally: Any gay who supports Clean Gene McCarthy's heir, George McGovern is "out of his tree." First, and foremost we are Americans, and this proudly worn designation transcends the appellatives: Republican, Democrat; Conservative, liberal; and homo or hetero. President Nixon, while commanding the leadership of the free world, will preserve and protect our great American Heritage and identity; McGovern, the disciple of Munich, the apostle of Henry A. Wallace, and the apologist for Hanoi, would appease those who would enslave this Nation under a form of government worse than Nazism.

With due consideration,
Thomas M. Edwards

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EDITORIAL

Once again we face a general election. We are not going to presume to tell you, our readers how to vote. We will however try to remind you that the polling place is still one of the few places in this world you can still do your own thing in private.

The great Nixon-McGovern issue still goes on, and only time will tell who will win this one. We urge you to vote for the man of your choice, and remember to look at the records of each of these gentlemen and vote accordingly.

Of all the candidates running for State and local offices we again urge you to check on their records, or stands on controversial issues. Some of these charmers have been playing both sides against the middle for so long, that they don't know which side they are on. Again vote on the issues, and not the man.

On some of the State Propositions we recommend a stronger stand.

Prop. 11 - Yes - Personal Privacy.

Prop. 17 - No - Death Penalty

Prop. 18 - No - Obscenity

Prop. 19 - Yes - Marijuana

Prop. 20 - Yes - Coastline

Prop. 22 - No - Farm Workers

And we also recommend on San Francisco Propositions:

Prop. L - No

Prop. N - Yes

Whatever your decision is, remember it is your decision and we strongly urge you all to get out and VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH.

OBITUARY

Harrison M. Kleinschmidt, better known to his friends as J.D. Mercer, died Saturday morning, October 28, in Palo Alto. He was 54,

"Merc," the name many of his associates knew him by, was investor in several businesses related to the Gay Community. Among them are the BQ Sauna Baths in Palo Alto, and the ADONIS BOOKSTORE in San Francisco. In addition he had befriended many others in business and community service projects over the years he lived in the San Francisco area.

In 1959 Mercer's compendium on sexual variations with emphasis on the ambisexual and homosexual components appeared as "They Walk in Shadow," with no less than 600 pages. This early work attained significance later, having been cited in court cases and in research as valid although it was the work of a confessed ambisexual layman. Of it, Dr. Albert Ellis, marriage counselor and therapist in New York, said, "J.D. Mercer has spoken out sanely and courageously against the needless and inhuman persecution of sex

deviants which still persists in our society and he makes suggestions for changes in our sex laws that invite serious consideration."

Mercer himself was probably as controversial throughout his life as his book was when it came out 12 years ago. His lifelong interests were centered in Montana and Idaho - mining properties and claims. A few years ago a large copper operation in Montana acquired some of his vast copper holdings. About this time Mercer invested in a rubber bumper manufacturing company which initiated safety bumper designs that incorporated cells containing liquid that released so as to absorb impact. Subsequent designs of these bumpers are seen on some taxicabs and on many muni buses in San Francisco today.

Insurance companies often were the targets of Mercer's actions. They also, in some cases, considered him a kind of Nemesis, forcing litigations more than once.

While seldom engaged in a business entirely his own, Mercer nevertheless

worked hard and consistently to promote those with whom he was associated, sometimes to the point of consternation for some. Recognition of sorts for this came in 1971 when the BAY AREA REPORTER named Mercer as "Promotional Genius of the year" in its Camp Awards.

Once a cab driver in Vallejo, Mercer always drove with deadly direction and determination. Many who have ridden with him in various big cars often marveled at how he had so few accidents - but that was Mercer.

Driver of a hard bargain on an insurance claim or a mining property, Mercer was nevertheless generous, kind and loyal to friends far beyond the degree which his personality would indicate. The instances of his helping others are countless.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 31 conducted by Rev. Carlson of METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH and cremation of the remains followed.

NEWS BULLETINS OF THE FUTURE

Satire by John Callahan

BULLETIN: The State Legislatures of Guam and Puerto Rico have just passed consensual sex bills. Homosexuality is now legal in 51 of the 53 states. Homosexuality is still punishable by death in the Commonwealth of Southern California under a law passed in Los Angeles in 1984. Homosexual activity is a felony in the State of Northern California — although rarely enforced in the capital city of San Francisco. Mayor Willie Brown recently stated, "I have better things for my police officers to do." Police Chief Richard Hongisto — long time friend of the Gay Community — apparently agrees with the Mayor. Meanwhile, Governor Alioto continues to veto the consensual sex bill each year. The governor of Southern California Tricia Nixon Cox is equally opposed to any reform of the sex laws.

BULLETIN: The Right Reverend Ray Broshears announces a new Gay rights organization called F.I.N.E. (Faggots Indignant About Nearly

Everything). The kindly grey haired old preacher has been active in the movement for over 40 years and has founded GAY ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE, LEAGUE OF GAY VOTERS, and 57 others groups — now defunct. Rev. Ray has appointed himself President for life of the new organization.

BULLETIN: Rev. Troy Perry is still active in the Los Angeles underground and continues to hold secret religious services for homosexuals despite the warrant for his arrest.

BULLETIN: Del Martin has founded a new group called the Lesbian Great Grandmother's League.

BULLETIN: Jim Foster, lifetime political chairman of S.I.R. will speak at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. The convention is expected to nominate Matthew Maxwell Taylor Kennedy — son of the late Robert Kennedy — for President of the United States. Jim Foster is confident that Matthew Kennedy can win with the help of the Gay community. There has not been a Democratic President of the U.S. since Lyndon Johnson in the 1960's.

BULLETIN: William Edward Beardemph's column will no longer appear in this magazine. Bill has decided to retire because the capital "I" key of his typewriter has worn out. And he finally "ran out of comments."

BULLETIN: Tabbi Smith has been elected 24th Emperor of San Francisco. Ms. Smith is a Black hermaphrodite of the Jewish faith.

BULLETIN: S.I.R. President Bill Plath has introduced a Constitutional Amendment to allow him to serve a 25th term as President of that organization. Bill says that there is no truth to the rumor that he and his lover Jim Foster are breaking up. Membership in S.I.R. has reached its highest peak in ten years with nearly one hundred dues paying members. George Mendenhall has made a desperate appeal for two reams of paper so he can mimeograph next month's VECTOR magazine. Send all donations to the Orpheum Circus.

BULLETIN: Robert Ross has been elected President of the TAVERN GUILD of the United States with 10,000 member bars throughout the country. Bob has been active in TAVERN GUILD since the 1960's when it was a small San Francisco organization. Bob says he will give serious consideration to the proposed merger of TAVERN GUILD and the Teamsters Union.

BULLETIN: Dowager Empress Jose' will crown Perry Empress de San Francisco XXXI at a special ceremony next year. Perry was elected by acclamation after running for the position every year for 25 years.

John Callahan



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"We want a president we can trust, not one that says one thing in public and another in secret, one that will take responsibility for the activities of his own."

Would you like to take a big fat guess as to who said the above. Well, there is no reason to keep you in suspense; that great quote came from George McGovern in his speech in Portland, Oregon at the same time he is reported to have disavowed his own pledges to the homosexual community. We had been told that Senator McGovern has made private commitments to Jim Foster as well as endorsing the published seven points on Gay Rights that has been sent out from

his headquarters. We are now told that everything on Gay Rights that has been said by the Democratic Presidential candidate boils down to a stupid noncommittal statement of "I DON'T BELIEVE IN DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE ON GROUNDS OF SEX AND THAT'S AS FAR AS I'M GOING TO CARRY THE ISSUE."

How can we be certain that dear old George has even said that? I called Portland to get verification from George Nicola who is supposed to have questioned Senator McGovern on his position on homosexual rights. George Nicola told me that the story was carried on the front page of the

"Oregonian" of Oct. 14 and it comprised the last two paragraphs of the lead story for that day. No place in the Portland "Oregonian" have I been able to find such a story including all papers from the week previous and following the Oct. 14 date.

At B.A.R., we next contacted the librarian for the paper in Portland, one Mrs. Wilcox. She confirmed that such a story had NOT been published in any edition of the Portland "Oregonian" in any of the six editions for Oct. 14.

We had also asked Mr. Nicola about the tape of George McGovern's statement. We were told that some unidentified person taped the press conference and still had the tape and that it was unavailable as of now.

We now find an extensive article in the ADVOCATE dated Nov. 8 that is bylined Rob Cole which arrises us through a maze of quotes, statements, misunderstandings, and more quotes that also is NOT verifiable.

I believe that we are seeing the greatest HOAX ever perpetuated on the Gay Community.

The great McGovern crusade is more of a phoney super religious evangelicalism double dealing rip off than it is anything else. Anyone who is Gay and votes for McGovern for president because of his stand on Gay issues has got to be pretty damned gullible. I believe that Sargent Shriver will definitely like to see us all go to hell as he has stated, and will probably work toward that end if he is elected. The McGovern - Shriver team is NOT going to aid the homosexual cause one bit if they get into office.

But, on the other side of the American political street we find an even worse situation. President Nixon's

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appointments to the Supreme Court leaves us no doubt as to the detrimental position that homosexuals are in, in our present repressive political atmosphere.

The Republicans are handling the Gay issue "all in the family" style. It reminds me of the days when Franklin Delano's Administration would leak to the press that someone in his official family was caught in a homosexual situation. When Mr. Roosevelt would be confronted with the situation later at a press conference he would tritely reply, "I don't care what a man does in private as long as he does a good job and his private life does not interfere with that job."

Mr. Nixon has followed much of the F.D.R. approach to politics and this time uses this old gambit to court the homosexual vote. Poor Randy Agnew is the sacrificial victim for the Republicans. Of course the Republicans know how to handle the homosexual rights issue; just ask them. After all, isn't the Vice President's son one of the fellas? Now let's say no more on that unspeakable subject and get on to really important issues.

Well, that isn't good enough for homosexuals today. Both of these political farces that are being perpetuated on the Gay voters are completely unacceptable. We must demand some answers to questions on our rights. WHEN are we going to get some positive action?

The words of McGovern are only too true for all voters. We all want a

president we can trust. We all want a president whose public utterances are the same as his private promises. We all want a president who takes responsibility for the activities of his own organization. BUT NEITHER candidate comes anywhere near living up to the above basic standards.

My first recommendation for the Gay Voters Guide is to vote "none" for president. Wouldn't it be great if we did not have a president for the next four years? Would anyone really notice?



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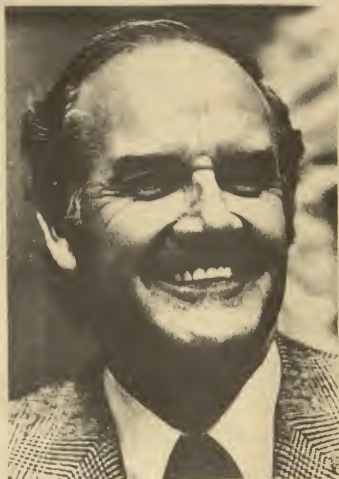
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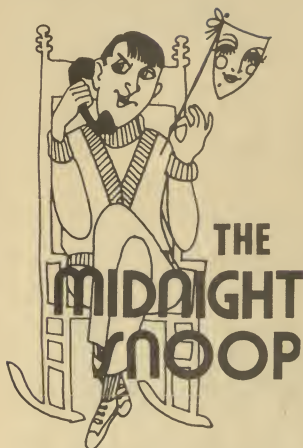
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Show News



by Donald McLean

MAN OF LA MANCHA

I remember when I first saw "Man of La Mancha" many years ago, it was a chilling experience that left me feeling emotionally drained. Last week, at the Orpheum Theater, I was often amused, highly impressed at times, and was left totally unmoved when it was all over. And it's hard to be left unmoved with an entire chorus singing the "Impossible Dream" as the gallant Miguel Cervantes walks up those sinister stairs to face the



Allan Jones as Don Quixote in search of The Quest.

Inquisition. But unmoved I was!

There have been two major changes made from the original production I saw. First, an intermission has been added (it was originally played straight through). And, on the whole, I approve. But, because of the break, the first act is now played for high comedy and in the second, we get down to the dramatic values. It would work if the groundwork for the second act was laid in the first, but under Richard Hughes' broad, shallow direction, Don Quixote is played as a bumbling old buffoon, slightly mad and senile, but without nobility or spiritual idealism. And

without those qualities, which is what Dale Wasserman's play is all about, why bother to do "La Mancha" at all? Quixote's speeches about a search for beauty in an ugly world and his impossible dream are reduced to a demented old man's ravings and he becomes an object of pity but not sympathy.

Allan Jones delivers a good, craftsmanship portrayal, although I had great difficulty hearing and understanding him. The piping upper register he uses for Quixote's voice does not project and whole speeches were lost. His singing voice is strong and clear and he gives a good, solid performance within the framework Mr. Hughes' direction has allowed him, but it lacks depth and dimension.

The joy of the evening is Annette Cardona's interpretation of Aldonza, the barroom slut. From her first entrance to the final reprise, she dominates the stage with a moving, subtle interpretation. Her Aldonza is tough, yet tender, vulgar, yet vulnerable. There are many exciting moments in "La Mancha" and most of them occur when Miss Cardona is onstage.

Edmond Varrato makes Quixote's squire, Sancho, a warm, lovable character who is always interesting to watch. It is a gem of a performance. Along with Harold Brown's Padre (and that glorious tenor!) and Rowan Tudos Innkeeper. Special mention also to Ted Forlow's excellent comic

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characterization of the Barber.

"Man of La Mancha" is a soaring brilliant piece of theatre. The Orpheum production is first-rate in many aspects. The staging of the quartet of "I'm Only Thinking of Him" turns one of the show's lesser numbers into one of its best. Aldonza starts singing "What Does He Want of Me" sitting on the back of the mule (Jeff Shawn), singing the number to Quixote's horse and mule, which gives it a child-like, wistful quality that belies her previous hardness. A beautiful touch. Unfortunately, Chet D'Elia's choreography is standard summer stock, uninspired and unimaginative. The Rape Ballet becomes a French apache and one of the show's most shocking moments is dissipated into a bore. The lighting primarily consists of two follow spots, one of whom must have a serious drinking problem on night caught. The set is excellent.

If you have never seen "Man of La



Annette Cardona as Aldonza... just great!

Mancha" before, you will find this current production vastly entertaining and a good evening of theatre, although you may just wonder what all the awards and accolades were for originally. The evening's top honors must go to Miss Cardona and a fine supporting cast; it's just a shame that Messrs. Jones and Hughes missed the essential quality that makes the "man of La Mancha great!!

MEET MITZI GAYNOR

A PERSONAL
INTERVIEW

By Donald McLean

Mitzi Gaynor recently completed a four night engagement at the Circle Star Theater in a sensational two, hour nightclub act that garnered standing ovations. Backed by the Four Fellows, the longest Miss Gaynor is ever off the stage is four minutes, making nine costume changes and singing and dancing up a storm. It is a dazzling display by a multi-talented woman who is the epitome of the word "pro," so I was very curious to discover what this surprisingly petite dynamo was like offstage.

Mitzi Gaynor is an interviewer's dream! She answers anything you ask her honestly and directly, never hedging or bothering to frame an answer. She is probably best remembered for her screen portrayal of Nellie Forbush in "South Pacific." Is that her favorite movie? "No, but it was certainly the most important. My favorite was a picture called "Golden Girl." And my favorite musical numbers were in the "I Don't Care Girl", although they had nothing to do with the plot. You could go out for popcorn and come back and you hadn't missed a thing." Another film she is fond of was a comedy entitled "Surprise Package," with Yul Brynner and Noel Coward. "It wasn't as good as it could have been, but it gave me a chance to work with Noel, whom I



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dearly love. He's dear, sweet and wonderful... Yul was very much the King in "The King and I." Sometimes it would get to be a bit much and we'd turn and say, "Oh, come on!" but he's basically a nice guy. He's wise to himself. It's like he knows that you know that he knows that..." And how

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about Marilyn Monroe, whom she worked with in "No Biz Like Show Biz"? "It was hard to like Marilyn Monroe because she was never there. Even when she was there, she wasn't there. You couldn't communicate with her. The director would be giving her directions and you could tell Marilyn was only half-listening, because behind the director was some woman she'd brought from New York shaking her head no... She was so terribly unhappy... If I knew her today, we'd probably be good friends... She was a real, real artist and was never appreciated. Today she is. You look back at 'Bus Stop' and 'Seven Year Itch' and you realize how fantastic she was!"

And what was it like to be a star at 20th Century Fox? Did she get the big glamour build-up? "I was what they called a triple-threat, meaning I could sing, dance and act. I understand that 'triple-threat' is an old football term, so I considered it not terribly glamorous. They didn't know what to do with me... Fox was a one-woman studio. First it was Alice Faye, then Alice Faye's double, Betty Grable, and then finally, Marilyn Monroe. You notice they were all blondes... They'd make something very dramatic, like 'Man In The Grey Flannel Suit,' then another Grable musical." And when 'South Pacific' came, did she fight tooth and nail, claw and fang, to get the role? "I just tested. A lot of people announced themselves that they were doing it, but I'm terribly superstitious about things like that. I never say a word until I've got the signed contract in my hand and the first weeks salary in my purse."

In 1961, the days of the Hollywood musicals were at an end. Miss Gaynor put together a nightclub act and has

been steadily working in clubs, TV specials, and concert tours ever since. She loves that live audience! She



As Nellie Forbush in "South Pacific"... not her favorite role but important.

changes her act about every year-and-a-half. It takes a year to find the material and six weeks of intensive rehearsal for each new act. "My first act cost \$58,000. The current act cost \$103,000... In the early days, you could get a hand-beaded gown for 8 or 9 hundred dollars. Now you can't get one for less than \$2,000, and of course, you can't get just one. If a zipper breaks, you can't go on with safety pins all down your back, so..." She goes on to recall a few disastrous moments, those stories that are so great to tell later but so awful at the time. "One night, I was doing some very intricate work with the mike cords. I was really being a showoff! Somehow it got caught around a man's neck in the front row, and all of a sudden, he's turning blue, his wife is screaming, bottles are falling off the table.. Oh, why did you make me remember that!!" (She now works with a transistor mike with no cord)

And what about the future? Would she like to do a Broadway show? "Well, yes, but not right now. I'd like to do something that's so good I would say, 'I will pay to do this part!' and those are very hard to find." She firmly believes in personality staging, tailoring the vehicle for the individual. It's the only way, she feels, that any medium can compete with TV. And the movies today? "I think movies will start making money when they figure out how a husband can take his wife and kids to the movie too... These movies that you sneak in and out of, afraid someone will see you... If a woman sits on a sofa with no clothes on, it's X Rated. If they beat each others brains out and drag their entrails across the screen, it's a G rating. Violence is o.k. as long as they keep their clothes on. That just doesn't make sense to me."

Maybe Hollywood producers should listen to Mitzi Gaynor. She has been successful in every medium she's performed in (remember that fabulous TV special she did a few years back?), and obviously knows what the audience wants to see. She is a performer's performer. She would still like to work with Burt Bacharach, Sammy Davis and Lucille Ball ("She and I feel things alike. She always has that marvelous femininity about her.") I found her to be warm, forthright and a woman more interested in others than herself. Mitzi Gaynor is like a Hallmark Card — when you care enough to get the very best!!

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TRIVIA & TRASH A LA DOT DOT DASH

From out of Kansas City word arrives that a new chapter of the FF of A has formed and their secretary's name is Chris Coe! Chris writes that their club

is opening a men's clothing store there named TOPS & BOTTOMS and if that isn't Gay, my name isn't Marcus... Eddie Barron (527 CLUB) made an interesting observation the other day when he quipped: "I guess guys who wear hard hats are only trying to protect their soft spot"... Did you know that Jackie D is a real woman? She was a most gracious hostess the other night at the bash thrown in honor of Empress Candidate Maxine; and speaking of Empress Candidates, Roxanne showed some real sporting blood when she bought a gorgeous hunk of man for \$20 to give to Kissy Kissy Diki at the RAMROD'S Auction for S.I.R. the other night. Rox also bought a cute mechanical talking dog for his boss, Genial Gene Arceri, and is this any indication that the dog fetishists are gaining ground?... Finally got to meet Jimmy Hughes, Groovey Guy of '71 at the BEAUX ARTS BALL (more about the Ball later). He was attired in a stunning white jump suit and escorting Jackie D... A sea of orchids to Ray Pletz, proprietor of the TREE HOUSE and his entire staff for

throwing that all-you-can-eat for \$2.98 Benefit Dinner for Tash Dulito who benefits from the entire proceeds after suffering an unfortunate mishap leading to lengthy hospitalization. Ray's action gives cause to the talk that here is one bar owner who's not out to exploit his customers and is getting involved in the community and its problems. Thanks to Ray and the TREE HOUSE for their community awareness... Attention Perry: Did you know that Jerry Joint is back in the area? You all remember Jerry Joint of the BODY SHOP way back when it first opened and broke many a heart around town... From down Los Angeles way, the First Empress of Los Angeles, La Rey I, will host the Universal Ball on November 10, at which time Mr. and Miss Universe will be selected.

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last week for the BEAUX ARTS BALL? Bobby ran for Empress de San Francisco a few years back and lost, but returned to Our Town triumphant with the title Empress of Seattle and what a beautiful person he is... Dave "MAME" Hamilton of Portland was in town and caught up in an exhausting swirl of parties and plays, balls and just plain bar-hopping. Those people from Portland are absolutely fantastic, friendly and full of energy... Lenny Mollett (527 CLUB) is in love again and this time his name is Richard and he is a very nice boy... If you've been to the WILD GOOSE you've probably met Bob Kerns, the manager. If you don't know him he's the groovy dude with a thousand curls all over his head and the biggest baby blues you ever saw... Newest groovy bartender at the BOOT CAMP is Dick Cook and Portland's loss is OUR gain... The SAN FRANCISCANS' BUTCH BRUNCH No.

5 was quite a blast. They served Quiche Lorraine and everyone had a great time. They had a leather contest, a cowboy contest and a hot pants contest and the beauties on stage were quite an eyeful and Lou Greene will attest to that as he did the M.C. chores... And speaking of chores, Schatzi of the *P.S. is not only

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Before I forget it, let me remind you of the RAMROD'S Fifth Anniversary. This great affair lasts a full week, and I am sure that Paul, George and crew will have lots of fun and surprises planned for everyone. The weeklong party starts on Monday, November 6th. Remember the date and don't miss this one!

10TH BEAUX ARTS BALL WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

Gays and straights that were downtown near the Hilton last Saturday night certainly got an eyeeful watching the stars arrive for the BEAUX ARTS BALL. You wouldn't believe some of

the costumes in attendance and I for one don't know how they even got to the hotel in the first place. As you all know, the theme this year was the Opera and everyone came as some sort of opera character or another. Ray Rule came as Falstaff and had flattened beer cans clinging all over his body and a 100-yard train of beer cans that had everyone staring in disbelief. The drag queen that wore the huge red velvet dress was from Los Angeles and was an Empress candidate in that city a few weeks ago. He drove the dress up here in a moving van it was so big. As was to be expected, Kissy, Kissy Diki, Candidate for Empress, blew everyone's mind when he was presented. A pink chiffon canopy was completely suspended across the stage on the tips of spears carried by eight gorgeous musclemen and Diki never looked lovelier in an Egyptian headdress glittering with red and white feathers and mirrors. The audience was unanimous in its vociferous applause of the fantastic spectacle and even the judges were agast. Laura, Billy, Maxine and Roxanne all looked lovely as well when they were presented. The highlight of

the evening was the dance of the seven veils by Lisa Gene of Portland who won the prize for the best theme and did a great job in his role. Dowager Empresses Shirley, Reba, Jose, Cristal and Willis were in attendance and looking very regal. Congratulations to the Ball Committee for a job well done and to Dowager Empress Cristal who is still doing a great job as the guiding hand. Mike Michelle was every inch the epitome of a great M.C. and it was great to see Sandy Sanchez on the stage as one of the judges.

AND NOW A WORD ABOUT THE EMPRESS CANDIDATES

As you all know, the campaign is in full swing for the election of the eighth empress of San Francisco. The exhausting round of parties, appearances, and functions is to introduce the candidates to the public AND to the TAVERN GUILD members who are the only persons allowed to vote. The ballots will be mailed out soon to each Guild member and mailed back to an accounting firm who will tabulate the votes and keep the winner's name a secret until January 6, at the

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CORONATION BALL to be held this year at the posh Fairmont Hotel. All TAVERN GUILD bars are cooperative when the candidates arrive and everyone has a favorite. In the interest of fair play and to stimulate interest, questions are often put to the candidates such as: "Why do you want to be empress?", "What will you do for the community if you are elected?" and other standard queries; but I think it's hitting a little below the belt when questions about the Emperor are asked. Everyone knows that the TAVERN GUILD membership voted not to recognize the Office of the Emperor when it was first presented to Guild members. The sanction lost by only 17 votes, but President Bob Ross reminded Guild members that they were free to support the candidates if they chose to do so and candidates nights were held in many bars in the Bay Area.

That the word "unity" is overworked we all agree upon. One of the candidates has chosen to use "progress" for the community and I am in complete agreement. The situation as it exists between the Empress and the Emperor is a touchy one right now. I

have no doubt that someday the two offices will be run simultaneously and that the voting will be thrown open to the entire city — a choice to be made by ALL the community. Until that time, I can only condemn those persons who are acting prematurely and in a vicious manner to hamper the progress that is indeed coming about to someday unite the voting of the Empress and the Emperor because whether anyone likes it or not, this community is well on the way to progress. The Empress candidates are all in agreement that their election should be a choice of ALL the people in Our Community and that in itself is progress.

Until next time, then, thank you all for your cooperation and participation and remember, I love you all.

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DOWNTOWN

The ORPHEUM CIRCUS will host an auction for the BACHELOR'S CLUB to help the boys arrested at the BACHELOR'S. This was sort of a bum rap. Yours truly, Mr. Cowboy (pant, pant), Darryl (BACHELOR'S CLUB), Bill Plath and a host of others will be guest auctioneers. Some of the goodies will be a new motor scooter, compliments of the WATER HOLE, and a fur jacket, yes, real fur (Tony, EARLY BIRD), plus some very hunky surprise packages. Kissy Kissy is planning a surprise bit. There was a fun party at the ORPHEUM CIRCUS for Sandy Baron's new album "God Save the Queens", and Sandy himself did one of the bands live. He's really quite funny and you can see him live here at the BOARDING HOUSE on Bush soon.

If the bar stools look familiar at JACKIE D'S, they are. They're from the UNION SQUARE LOUNGE.

There will be a fashion show at the MILKY WAY Sat., Nov. the 4th, given for McGovern. Yours truly will MC the show and

some of the guests will be Sheriff Hongisto, Willie Brown and John Burton. Some of our local shops and designers will show their wares, both male and female. The models will all be male.

The PEKE PALACE had quite an Anniversary Party. It really looked like Royalty Night. They came all the way from Oakland and Monterey. The buffet was done by Ben (check the bar directory); he really did a nice job. Thank you, Dog Lady, for another wonderful party.

Have you seen Travis at the MILKY WAY? Give a look, give a look!

Don't forget the ALLEY CAT Awards Party Wed., Nov. 8th. If that doesn't turn you on, I'm sure the go-go boys will.

The KOKPIT had a great birthday party for Jay Noonan. Just everyone was there and we all had a wonderful time. Too bad you could not make it, Lips.

Is it true Dixie Del Ray was hauled away? His new number is "Pistol Packin' Mama".

The TURF CLUB will have a party for Pat

Montclair on Mon., Nov. 6th, and a Candidates Party on Mon., Nov. 13th.

UPPER MARKET

THE VALET, LEATHER 'N' THINGS, PET'S WORLD and TONI CLEANERS have a new gimmick called Happy Chips. They can be redeemed at about 40 bars for a drink or you can save them up and go to the baths, to dinner or some of the movie houses. Take a tip from me and save up 50 Happy Chips and you'll get a BIG surprise. Male?

Dick will be returning to the TWILIGHT and my spies tell me with a souvenir. Live, that is, from the Southland.

Laura had quite a bash at THE MINT, not only for her campaign but it was also her last night in MAME, which, if you haven't seen it, do!! One of the greatest things I have seen.

Would you believe Shara and Kay of the TWILIGHT had not made up their mind what they were going to do with their new place until they read my column? I thought I was giving a hot tip and ended up naming the place. Their HOFBRAU should be something else, what with all the plants and would you believe 50 Tiffany lamps! I won't say they put a lot of money in it, but Shara is running around with holes in her shoes.

POLK STRASSA

Ken Rector can now be seen at the WILD GOOSE behind the bar on Thursday's Bare Chest Night.

Mother did a very elegant buffet at the HOUSE OF HARMONY for Maxine's party.

Senator Marks was one of the guests at the NEW BELL auction for S.I.R. I want to thank Boo for the lovely outfit he bought me. I

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couldn't believe my eyes! There was Ray Rule (COVERED WAGON) buying flowers and a dinner for two at the COUNTRY CLUB for Betty Bonco (*P.S.).

Speaking of new twosomes, Bob (WILD GOOSE) and Shatzi (*P.S.) are the hottest item on the Strassa, or is it Bill McWilliams (WILD GOOSE) and Pat (FROLIC ROOM)?

In the Nice Guy Dept., Jack's organ and the new lighting system has really put some new pizzazz in the NEW BELL.

Pat McAdams (ALLEY CAT) and I stopped at the *P.S. and caught Chris Wayne. He doesn't do bad with his sytem either.

Dixon threw a thank you lunch at the P.T. that was delightful and delicious. I don't know what they call it, but try it. I It was a heaven sandwich. The guests included Mame (David Hamilton - Portland), Cristal and Hot Lips (KOKPIT), Bob, Bartender of the Year (BAJ), Paul Bentley (RAMROD), Empress Shirley and Fred, Voo Doo (PEKE PALACE), Tony (EARLY BIRD), Ray Rule (COVERED WAGON), Barbara Balls (HOT HOUSE), Greta Grass (BAJ), Rome (HOUSE OF HARMONY), MaMa Peck (TOTIES), Emperor Marcus (BOOT CAMP), David (JACKSON'S), Craig (BAJ), Dixon and Bruce (Q.T.), David and Boom Boom (love that boy) were busy filling glasses and helped make it an afternoon to remember.

HAIGHT ASHBURY

You must try BRADLEY'S for dinner. You may not understand Peter King, but she sure can cook.

THE MANHANDLER has a new gimmick - a brother go go boy act. Fred and his brother are both dolls to boot.

A new bar will soon open on Stanyan St. near Kezar. Can't give you the name as yet.

EMMAUS HOUSE opened their new center at 618 Shrader. If you need any kind of info., call 668-3580. They will be glad to help.

If you haven't been out to Haight Street lately, do. There are all kinds of wonderful shops and new ones opening all the time. The street is really coming back and most of the new stores are Gay owned.

If you are wondering where your friends are on Sunday, try BRADLEY'S. John has been packing the place every Sunday.

CHINESE CHECKERS

Chippie (HOT HOUSE) is now at the BOOT CAMP.

Great Scott has left the WATER HOLE.

Barbara Balls (EARLY BIRD) is now with the HOT HOUSE.

Jack, the organist at the PURPLE PICKLE, has moved to the NEW BELL and Bob, the piano player at the NEW BELL, has moved to the PURPLE PICKLE.

Martini Jerry is now with Peter King at BRADLEY'S.

Paul (COUNTRY CLUB) is moonlighting at the WILDE OSCAR serving lunch.

Ken, Mr. C.M.C. (formerly of the TROLLEY) is now at the FROLIC ROOM.

Dale (THE MINT) is moonlighting at JACKIE D'S, and I'm sorry to report Jim has left. Where are you, love?

Corky (JACKIE D'S) has left for the 181

Jim Halladay, Mr. S.F., has left the PURPLE PICKLE and is now appearing at the GASLIGHT.

Speaking of the GASLIGHT, John Chase walked out.

Did you know VECTOR has changed its name to GAY PRAVDA?

AROUND TOWN

S.I.R. will have their Grand Opening of the redone center Sat., Nov. 11th, with beer and hot dogs.

Great Scott has taken up residence at HARRISON HOUSE. You don't suppose she's the house mother? With her Rita Ramp and Amazon Lil, that should be quite a swinging place!

Dear Fat Lips, begins you made such a fuss about my new dresses, they were made by Du Val Boutique. Hint, hint. By the way, how are you taking your Blackberry Brandy these days? My dear, and you bitched about whip cream.

M.C.C. will have their first service in their new church Sunday, Nov. 4th, and the address is 1074 Guerrero near 23rd Street.

Don't forget the Coronation at the CHANCES R Nov. 5th in Hayward.

Speaking of Hayward, Bob Conroy, did you know there is a TURF CLUB there? And its Gay.

If you like beefcake, Mr. East Bay will be selected at THE EXIT Dec. 6th. Call 451-2329 for info.

If anyone can't tell Ray Rule and I apart, I'm the one with the Toni.

CASEY'S has closed due to lack of funds and Casey.

Dino (ORPHEUM CIRCUS) thought her birthday cake looked like my old tits when I ran for Empress. What do you mean, which time!!

Roger (Dennis in MAME), is it true they are calling you Mrs. David Hamilton?

Roll-A-Coin is a fun game and if you lose, the money goes to Muscular Dystrophy, so look for it in your local Gay bars.

If the buffet the LANCERS served the TAVERN GUILD is a sample (it was heaven), dinners should be out of this world.

MaMa Peck really shocked everyone at the ball and the rumor is not true the costumes were all brand new, made by two boys in Oakland. It took them five hours just to get the fabric around MaMa Peck.

Queen Kalani, you will be happy to hear the CAMP GROUND has named a Kalani Pie Night after you.

The LIVING END has become a dead end. They closed.

DeDe is back at the FICKLE FOX. Welcome home, love. We missed you.

Anyone wishing to go to Portland early, call 665-8227. There will be about \$6.00 charge for an extra day.

If you have been wondering, Jerry Joint is alive and well in Hayward.

FE-BE'S had their Reopening Week (a year, already?) with Roxann as hostess.

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a film view

BY MONTEZUMA

THE "HEAT" IS ON

The Andy Warhol / Pat Morrissey duo has come up with a hot number in "HEAT" now playing at the Music Hall.

This new film from the Warhol factory is another step toward the more "conventional" type of film making that Warhol's earlier projects have rebelled against. "HEAT" gives us a much stronger plotline than before and a surprisingly adequate performance from Joe Dallesandro. The best idea was in obtaining the services of Miss Sylvia Miles, previously oscar-nomianted for "Midnight Cowboy." In the role of a "semi-retired" Movie Star, she dominates the screen when she is on,



Joe Dallesandro and Pat Ast negotiating for his body.

even upstaging the famed Dallesandro body which has everyone in the state of the film title.

From the first image on film, sorta a take-off on the famous Gloria Swanson photo in the demolished Roxy Theatre, the film moves in a deliberate slow, noon-day hot, fashion to give us what might be called a combination Lana Turner / Johnny Stompanato and "Sunset Boulevard" satire.

As usual with this genre of film, the images and words are funny, sexy and sometimes quite ranuchy but in "HEAT" things are toned down from some of the "hot" items of the past (e.g. "Trash" and/or "Flesh"). With little nudity (no male frontal nudity at all) and nary a graphic sexual scene

(there are a couple nearly-graphic), the picture is one of the "tamer" films from Warhol and who knows one day he might even get a "PG" rating.

The story-line is only of slight importance, (the importance being that there is one in the first place) and we are soon caught up in the world of Hollywood - 1972.

There's a whining young girl (played convincingly by Andrea Feldman) who can't make up her mind whether or not to be a masochistic lesbian. She plays Miss Miles's daughter who has borne a child out of wedlock (prior to her lesbian activities) and now dwells in a sleazy but typical Hollywood motel. The manager of the motel complex, which also houses Dallesandro, is



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hilariously and outrageously played by Pat Ast. Miss Ast plays a hot second to the top-billed Miss Miles and only manages to steal the scenes in which Miss Miles is not appearing. Two minor characters are a pair of brothers who do a homo erotic night club act. One of them, Eric Emerson, plays a demented man/child who is constantly "jacking off" under a much-too long wool nightie. The are much more the type of thing one has come to expect in a Warhol film. Unfortunately the brothers do not appear too often in the film.

Dallesandro plays a former teen star ("Mouse Time U.S.A." and "The Big Ranch") who is making a comeback via anyone he can make. He meets Miss Miles, who once did a guest star stint on his series, through her nagging daughter and he proceeds to seduce the "older-than-he" star — quite an easy task. She in turn tries to help him regain stardom by introducing him to various directors and influential show folk. The setting becomes the 37-room mansion which she got in her last divorce settlement. The plot thickens when Andrea moves back into the house and tries to play games with Joe — who doesn't seem to ever say "no" to anyone craving his body. When they go to visit Miss Mile's ex-husband (Andrea's father) for more money, Joe is seduced by the ex-husband's lover and is caught "being done" by Miss Miles. Lots of hysterics follow ending up with Joe leaving her and returning to the motel. She follows and attempts to kill him, only to find the gun empty. We fade out with the gun being thrown into the pool and Dallesandro goes on to the next "helpful" hand.

Dallesandro plays his role in an almost parody of the cliché dumb blond, all body and no brain. Except for



Sylvia Miles & Joe Dallesandro in HEAT

a couple of posterior shots, the formerly much exposed body of Dallesandro remains covered (although the clothes are quite snug). It's a pity since he has not looked as healthy and fit in other recent films.

If you like your films a little on the bizarre side and satirical, "HEAT" may warm you up. *** star blaze.

Keep your eyes on the screens, luvs....



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Thank you Polk Street Sally for the lovely luncheon you had for all of those lovely people the day of the Ball at the Q.T. Warren, you outdid yourself with the menu. Where did you find so many compatible individuals Sally?

Thank you Emperor Marcus for the Sweet Lips Shopping Bag. You don't have to bribe me the election is over. Too bad that you don't have a financial report for your Ball yet. Strange isn't it that the financial report for the BEAUX ARTS BALL was ready two days after the Ball. That is keeping things together.

I hope everyone had as good a time at the Ball as I did. There certainly were a lot of great costumes. You outdid yourself, Kissy Diki, with your entrance. That is showing people where it is. It is nice to see people enjoy themselves again.

It seems as if Aunt Cissie (SAUSALITO INN fame) finally had to admit that she had to pay twenty dollars to a gorgeous number in Rome recently. Don't worry, Cissie, the going price here is higher.

Stop at the CORNER LONGHORN SALOON and see the great Falstaff Beer Can decor created by none other than Cecil Knockherworst Weatherbee. You should give credit where due Ray, especially for your Opera Ball Theme created by the same person in the Falstaff theme.

Thank you Luscious Lorelei for decorating the KOKPIT for Jay 'Annie' Noonan's birthday party. As usual I arrived late, just as Perry was leaving as there were no more complimentary drinks. (Does she ever pay for a drink?) The party was a blast and thanks to Schatz of the *P.S. for the lovely food.

Heard nasty rumors that one of our local papers is using very bad methods of getting advertisements. Don't try to blackmail as it can backfire. One does have a right to advertise where they feel it will create a return on the investment. It is not necessary to advertise in all forms of media.

The new day bartenders at the Q.T. are our own Polk Street Sally and Boom Boom now that they are open for luncheon daily. A nice Crab Louie, Warren.

Thank you Bald Eagle for the lovely poster from Spain that Bill brought to me. It is nice to have such thoughtful friends.

Dallas of the WILD GOOSE, you did it again... you did not have to go bare chested at the KOKPIT's party for Broadway Jay... after all these years everyone has seen you, even bare assed.

The SAN FRANCISCANS had their Butch Brunch on Sunday last. But THE Bitch Brunch was held the same day at the BAJ with yours truly still in costume??? from the Ball the nite before. The Bitch Brunch was hosted by Russ of FE-BE's. Now that is a switch for the group that was there. Thank you Russ. Bob you never looked better as you did in the Lips wig and boa.

Mama Peck of TOTIE'S is keeping her hair behind the bar. Are you trying to raise bee's in it Mama? After all everyone knows that you won first prize at the Ball but don't over due it.

Keep Monday the 11th of December open for Sweet Lips' Annual Christmas Party. It'll be a real blast with even a Santy Claus... no, not Dallas bare chested.

Thank you, Cliff of the GASLIGHT, for the handsome men to open the doors at the Ball. They did a nice job as did most of the people that were involved when you consider that they were all volunteers and did buy tickets.

Remember to patronize the advertisers on the Bar Directory. They are supporters of the community and do solicit our business.

The Emperor's Board is very strange indeed... an unnamed lesbian, a former Empress and who, who, who. Great politicians... they don't keep their word or promises and remain unable to reach by telephone.

Sorry Mr. Quandry that you didn't enjoy the ball - was the fifteen dollars you spent for admission for your split personality - and who is Walter P. Morgan? - Carl E. Jordan.

Bye Mr. Lips hope you feel better after your vacation.

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Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Mike Wright and I am the current "Mr. Peninsula." As this is my first attempt at writing, I hope you will enjoy it. I will do my best to bring you an informative column that will deal with the peninsula and the greater Bay Area. Rest assured that this will not be a Bitch Column! I will be dealing mostly with the activities, functions, and opinions of the peninsula people... the "Together People."

While most of my time is spent working in this area, I also reach out to our sister communities of San Jose, Oakland, Monterey, and San Francisco. In hopes of bettering our relations with all Gay Communities and involved individuals, I have travelled to Denver and Los Angeles as well as to the peninsula communities to achieve this end.

I want to do all I can to help promote better understanding between the people of our community as well as those of the straight world's. I take my job seriously in this respect!

As has oft been said before, "how can we hope to earn the respect of other's if we are at each other's throats?" Let's get our Shit together NOW, and show the world we deserve that respect. Right? Right!

Now for the activity of 'the Peninsula: The CRUISER in Redwood City held its first annual "Bartender of the Year" awards. You should have seen the groovy bartenders of the peninsula there Oct. 17th. Congratulations Danny of the BAYOU LOUNGE for being chosen Bartender of the Year (love that 3 foot trophy) and Val of the LOCKER ROOM as first runner up. I must say, it was a difficult choice for most of us. Last Sunday incidently, the LOCKER ROOM in Palo Alto celebrated its 8th Anniversary with Ande from the GARDEN, across the street, as guest bartender, and goings on behind a locked front door which included dancing on the bar and a fun time for all. Congratulations, Fred and Willie, for a time to be remembered. Come take a minute to meet their fantastic bartenders, Val and Leo, really beautiful people. Across the street the BACHELOR QUARTERS BATHS held their 1st anniversary on Oct. 8th. WOW and FAR OUT! It was packed, ass to ass. On campus, STANFORD'S GAY PEOPLES UNION (GPU) meets every

Wed. nite at 7:30 PM in the women's center basement. Show up and meet this hard working group of people. The BEE HIVE in Redwood City hosts their activities after the meetings. Thanks, Norma, and all you beautiful girls for your interest.

Across the Bay in Oakland: Congratulations Queen Sandy for a beautiful and well run Crown Princess Ball.

In Santa Clara: The TINKERS DAMN has undergone a bit of remodelling and has become a very handsome bar. See it!

In Cupertino: The SAVOY presented "Moments to Remember" on Sun., Oct. 15th with Danny as the host. This was a nice affair. Why don't you come and support this totally Gay owned and operated bar?

In San Jose: The HARBOR is still the "IN" place to go when down that way. A beautiful bar with beautiful bartenders serving beautiful people. MCC in San Jose is growing every day. It's a church that cares about you.

In Monterey: The Peninsula showed up in full force for the Monterey Peninsula Grande Ball — what an affair. Brunch the next day was just as much fun, and I doubt there is a single GI left that is still a virgin. Fort Ord, you will never be the same. Congratulations to Bobby, the new Marquessa De Monterey.

In Palo Alto: The Academy Cinema, a film museum, opened last week. The first film offered was "Ziegfeld Follies."

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Personal Notes: I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations and best wishes to Marcus, the new Emperor of San Francisco. I hope to work with you soon to improve the understanding between the peninsula and San Francisco... great idea, Gay Olympics.

To Mr. San Francisco: Where are you? Don't make you body so scarce!

A warm welcome goes out to Jim Hughes, Groovy Guy '71 of Los Angeles. LA's loss is SF's gain.

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LOCO WEATHER REPORT

by Cecil Knockherworst Weatherbee



The past few weeks were very weatherly in San Francisco — There was a very successful Butch Brunch at Seaman's Hall sponsored by the SAN FRANCISCANS and there was the Bitch Brunch at the BAJ sponsored by FE-BE'S a very big big success — A sprinkling comment overheard when a patron of the fine arts asked where tickets could be purchased for the BEAUX ARTS BALL — "I know nothing" was the reply from a local prima donna bartendress working in a far out downtown local kennel. — Comments are also being made in reference to the recent TAVERN GUILD BEAUX ARTS BALL that it was not as successful as last Year's Ball

— Well, what can be expected with remarks such as the above and adding to the coolness of the ball are some of the lazy TAVERN GUILD members who do nothing but bitch — but, then top this off with a director of the TAVERN GUILD, H.L. Perry, who put on a vulgar display of a bitchery tantrum just because he believes that the Gay world owes him a free pass to every Gay event and thus refuses to pay his own way — Such a responsible person — such loyalty — and still speaking of rip offs, this same pretender of royalty goes around town accusing one of our better Gay travel and ticket agency of his own tricks — naught,y naughty Perry you must not fool with Mother Nature just

because they would not kick back to you on the free lunches. — In honesty the BEAUX ARTS BALL did lack a bit of spark but as far as I could tell every one seemed to be enjoying themselves tremendously. — The only aggravating and disturbing situation that I spotted at this function was some pest of a reporter of sorts of a defunct bitch column. He kept pestering the judges for their names — and then — walked off in a huff — Frustrated — Maybe because no one recognized who he was — to this day I don't know who it was — Well, like mother says if you look for fault that's all your going to see. — It's just not logical in fact it's very foggy — just because Sally Stanford (a dear cousin of mine) happens to be on the City Council of Sausalito, does this then give the right for Mr. Jordan formerly of the Forum to be the madame of Gay San Francisco. (He's no relation of mine.) — What's a royal fanny — and why does TAVERN GUILD recognize this title (title, title, title) why any recognition at all — This claimant who delays events with his primping and who has done little or nothing for TAVERN GUILD or for any segment of the Gay Community stands on the same pedestal as some of those that have worked and gave — maybe the TAVERN GUILD should eliminate this trifle title — and, — instead of giving camp titles to individuals who just show their face let them give it to deserving entertainers who have given humor and camp bitchery to the bar scene such as Czarina Lorelei and Czarina Sweetlips. After all, the TAVERN GUILD and its voting members should give Mother Voo Doo some decent company rather than Dog Litter. — Just think, Voo Doo — Sweetlips — Lorelei, sounds more like

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an african witch doctors prescription for the cure of the common cold — Thunder Thunder — The Emperor Committee had their first get together and election of officers, how cozy, (it sounded like that old cliché 'You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours.') But as spies tell me, everything went along as normal as everything does in our Gay Communal organizations. One, they were in need of funds. — Two, ticket take from their first function was yet unaccounted for. — Three, they owed a financial debt (nothing like chasing around town trying to pay it off) — All said it was a very good start — The meeting looked similar to another Mr. Cowboy event — The blind, leading the blind. — Oh by the way, Mr. President Bob Ross, of the TAVERN GUILD co-signed the Emperor debt so I assume it's as good as gold. — and, — speaking of handouts — how many auctions has S.I.R. had — have you counted them. And yet S.I.R. is still in dire need of funds — Remember that fable about the shepherd boy yelling wolf, wolf. — Tis the season to be jolly, tra la la la la la

— Bill McWilliams of the NAKED GRAPE seems to be perturbed over the way Sweetlips treats him because of the way Bill manages his bars — Well Bill don't be here is an inside scoop — The KOKPIT is famous for serving blackberry brandy cocks — ask around — Love is a many splendored thing — Thank you Mame and your fellow goodwill ambassadors of Portland for your recent visit to San Francisco but, was it necessary to clog the pool drain of the COVERED WAGON with your hair. — Will the person who lost their uppers in the film room of the Folsom Street Health and Swim Club please contact Roger (Miss Willamena Wellworthit) before he melts the platinum down for new earrings — Roger, a retired drag, is the new assistant chef at this rustic establishment and is famous for his cheeseburgers — two pieces of meat separated by a lump of cheese and surrounded by a pair of heavenly buns — it's wellworth it especially the trimmings. — Thank you Jose' for announcing the fact that I am a syndicated columnist — I am also copyrighted — and, — Thank you

Mr. Alan Stanford I enjoyed your dedication — and, in answer to your inquiry yes, I too live in a glass house. — Ever, hear of the imitation way of life it exists openly in our Gay society — L.S.D., poppers, reds, whites, yellow jacks, acid, amyl, etc., etc., — the stimulants of today — no one seems to touch — no emotional involvement — a quick blow job — it takes care of all that involvement — which is a hassle — too involved — time is too short — must move fast — so we move fast, we make a fast buck and we spend it fast — no time to touch — to feel — to want — to be wanted — our time is now — L.S.D., poppers, reds, whites, yellow jacks, acid, amyl — I'm thirsty — time is so short — must rush — no time to feel, to love, to be involved — not time — must run — here there — here I am — This is me — me — me — me — change records please — change records — Life is a most fantastic happening — like far out — and the world surrounding us has to offer fantastic sensations — and — like the

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LOCO WEATHER REPORT *continued*
 weather at times sunny and other time
 cloudy — each to enjoy and share for
 what it has to offer in its passing
 glimpses of time — Yet in some of my
 observations of individuals involved in
 Gay life and this holds true of the new
 faces and passe' generations — it's
 instant fun — now — for me — "I"
 is most important — A sense of value a
 sense of pride does not exist — It is a
 sickness that is prevalent in the Gay
 society and it is not an illness that you
 can rush off to the clinic and get a shot
 of penicillin for a fast cure — or take a
 fancy pill to put you in a state of limbo
 — nor can you lock yourself in a closet
 or sit in a bar and drink yourself into
 oblivion — It is a very common
 disease, it contaminates all of us you,
 me, groups and organizations — This
 disease is called selfishness — and it
 exists — it seems we're all on an ego
 trip no one wants to give unless they
 have a title or are the star or to be
 recognized as a prima donna (in leather
 or in drag) or as a sensationalist — and

it's a shame because there is so much
 fun being lost by not being part of —
 to touch — to give — to live in reality
 — and speaking of giving we are now
 going into the seasonal holiday of Joy
 and S.I.R.'s Annual Thanksgiving
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 always — food is needed, turkey, ham,
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 spoons, forks, napkins all the trimmings
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POETRY

TO REACH OUT

by Vernon McGuire

*The winds come roaring down
the trees,
like a crushing, murderous, tidal
wave of death,
seeking out every nook and cranny,
searching for a victim
to unleash its raw energy upon.*

*Raw emotion overwhelms me,
I feel it ripping and tearing
completely destroying all defenses.*

*Defenses erected long ago
by another person
of another life, another time!*

*My hair swirls in the wind
a blond defiant head thrust
upward,
against the onslaught of the mighty elements
which surround me.*

*I roam the forest
the trees surrounding me, as so many call
bars.
I seek, yet shall I find?*

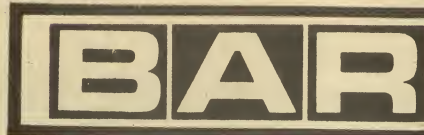
*The torment, the utter hopelessness
of seeking what only man can't find,
yet seeks relentlessly!*

*I still have the vision of him
Standing there smiling.
I will always see him, ahead of me.
His arms outstretched,
all I had to do, was reach out, and touch!*

*So now I'm fated to wander
hoping to find him, to reach him,
to take his hand, to take his heart.*

*Foolish, though I was
I shall roam, seeking this
which shall elude me
till the time of no end... ETERNITY...*

*Nay, though I tear my hair
and beat my chest,
will I receive salvation, for
this I have done so foolishly.*



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